

INVITATION TO SUNDAY MORNING TEA
 Each Sunday after the 8am Mass we host a morning tea. Please join us. Meet and talk to your fellow parishioners.

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 Please visit our piety stall if you wish to buy some religious articles. Piety stall is situated on the right side of the church as you enter through the main entrance. One could also check the catalogue and order any specific items.

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NEWSLETTER 12TH MAY 2024
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

MEN OF GALILEE,
 WHY GAZE IN WONDER AT THE HEAVENS?
 THIS JESUS WHOM YOU SAW ASCENDING INTO HEAVEN
 WILL RETURN AS YOU SAW HIM GO, ALLELUIA.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD INTO HEAVEN

On this seventh Sunday of Easter we celebrate Christ's Ascension into heaven. As a church and the body of Christ, we rejoice because today we celebrate the final victory of Jesus over death and this world.

This is a sign of hope that, as Christ our head defeated Satan and defiled the force of gravity to ascend to the father, we too shall one day overcome all the forces (of sickness, poverty, humiliation, wars, disasters, starvation, hunger, injustice, oppressions, etc.), that try to subdue us in this world. This is certain because the same Holy Spirit that raised and ascended Christ is in us (Rom 8, 11). Thus, Ascension reminds us that we are on a Pilgrim journey and that, rather than this world, heaven is our final destination.

There are two messages of hope for us to take home today: The first is the promise of the **Advocate**: "...But you will receive the Holy Spirit...and you shall be my witness...to the ends of the earth." This means that Christ is not leaving us as orphans. Instead, he remains with us through the Holy Spirit "till the end of time." Therefore, the ascension of Christ does not mean his absence from us. Rather it means his continuous presence through the Holy Spirit.

The second is the promise of his return (the **Parousia**). So, today we also celebrate hope because Christ has gone to prepare a place for us in his kingdom. And the hope that one day he shall return to take us in order to be with him. (" Unless I go, you will not come")

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, by virtue of our baptism, each one of us here belongs to a ministry either as an apostle, a pastor, an evangelist, or a teacher, as we rejoice today that Christ has ascended into heaven and, as we look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit, let us strive to fulfill our baptismal and missionary calling by carrying one another along in our journey of faith as we celebrate and pray for our mothers today, remembering the special roles they play in our lives. And for those of them who have died with the hope of the Resurrection, may they be received with Christ in our Heavenly homeland.

Happy Ascension and Mother's Day!
Fr Lucius

This Week's Mass Schedule

15/05/2024	Wednesday	8:00am
	Fair Haven	10:00am
16/05/2024	Thursday	12:00pm
17/05/2024	Friday	8:30am
18/05/2024	Saturday	6:00pm
19/05/2024	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Please Ensure Silence
In The Church By
Supporting Silent Prayer

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024
St. Mary's.

Confirmation:
 1st Session and Parent Information Meeting: Saturday 18th May 5pm.

First Holy Communion:
 1st Session and Parent Information Meeting: Saturday 10th August 5pm.

READINGS

- The Ascension of The Lord - Year B (p.576 in St Pauls Missal)**
- 1st - Acts 1:1-11
 - Psalm - 46 Resp. hymns page
 - 2nd - Ephesians 4:1-13
 - Gospel Accl. hymns page
 - Gospel - Mark 16:15-20

Next weekend: Pentecost Year B (p.583)

- 1st - Acts 2:1-11
- Psalm - 103
- 2nd - Galatians 5:16-25
- Gospel - John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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Pastoral Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday 16th May at 4pm.



Our Lady of Fatima - Feast Day

We will have a Mass at 1:30 pm on Monday 13th May at St. Mary's.

Happy Mother's Day



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH CONFIRMATION 2024

Session Times

Session 1
Parent Information Meeting
Saturday 18th May 5pm

Session 2
Saturday 25th May 5pm

Session 3
Saturday 1st June 5pm

Session 4
Saturday 8th June 5pm

Session 5
Practice night
Saturday 15th June 5pm

Celebration of the Sacrament
8am Candidates are requested to arrive by 7.45am
Sunday 16th June 8am

This is for children who are Baptised and in grade 3 or 8 years and above.

Please complete and sign the Enrolment Form and hand in at the first session or email through to Parish Office to ensure your child's participation in the programme.

A logistics fee of \$40 is payable to cover the cost of the book, medal and certificate.

Mother's Day Blessing

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and
nourishment to her children, so you
watch over your Church.

Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as
Christian mothers.

Let the example
of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we,
their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

- FROM THE BOOK OF BLESSINGS



ENTRANCE: SING A NEW SONG

Refrain:

*Sing to the Lord! Alleluia!
Sing to the Lord, all nations!
God has made salvation known,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Sing to the Lord! Sing a new song!
Praise the Lord with shouts of gladness! Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Praise the Holy One!
God alone is our salvation. Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Sing of wondrous deeds!
Mighty Lord of all creation! Alleluia!

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY

Refrain:

*Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
Here at the table of plenty.*

O, come and sit at my table,
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely,
to share the cup of my love.

O, come and eat without money;
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit,
with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you,
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness,
to flood the depths of your soul.

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THANKSGIVING: THE FULLNESS OF GOD

Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give!
May your hidden self grow strong!
And may you live strong in faith and built on love
Until you know how high and long,
How wide and deep the fullness of God!

May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
Fill your mind that you may see,
Deep in your heart what hope his call now holds for you,
His promise true:
To fill your heart with power to live the fullness of God!

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RECESSIONAL: LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord,
And let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. *R./*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. *R./*

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Bevan Stephensen, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Ailsa Wickbold, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Mark Vincent Singho and Margaret Twomey.

Anniversary of Death: Philip Bertram, Agnes Mallet, Tim Hogan, Doug Seymour, Allan Schmidt and Steven Wroe.